GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PSU`S IN ALUMINIUM SECTOR
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any PSUs in the aluminium sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the investment, product-wise capacity employment generation and application of Government`s policy with regard to PSUs in the aluminium sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES & MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VARMA)

(a)&(b) There are two PSUs in the aluminium sector, namely, Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) and National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO).

(c) BALCO :-

(i) Equity - Rs. 244.42 crores (100 per cent held by the Government.)

(ii) Product-wise capacity - BALCOhas the capacity to produce one lakh tonnes of saleable aluminium from its integrated plant. The capacity of different products is as follows :-

Rolled Products	-	40,000 tonnes.
Properzi Rods	-	42,000 tonnes.
Extrusions	-	7,000 tonnes.
Ingots & Others	-	balance.
Total	-	1,00,000 tonnes.

(iii) Total number of employees - 7134.

NALCO :-

(i) Equity - Rs. 644.31 crores (87.15 per cent held by the Government.)

(ii) Product-wise capacity - NALCOhas an integrated plant and is currently implementing two expansion projects for increasing the capacity of its Bauxite Mines and Alumina Refinery and also the Smelter Plant and Captive Power Plant. The existing capacity and the capacity after completion of expansion projects is given below:-

Product	Existing Capacity	Capacity after Expansion
Bauxite	24.00 Lakh TPY	48.00 Lakh TPY
Alumina	8.00 Lakh TPY	15.75 Lakh TPY
Aluminium	2.30 Lakh TPY	3.45 Lakh TPY
Power	6 X 120 MW	7 X 120 MW

(iii) Total Number of employees : - 6525.

The Government guidelines issued from time to time in respect of public sector companies are followed by these two public sector companies also.